

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for depositing sheets for a printing machine, said device comprising:
 - at least one rotating drivable sheet transport element to receive a leading edge of a sheet and deposit said sheet on a stack after said sheet has traveled a path of rotation; ~~and~~
 - at least one drag element for pulling a sheet that has been deposited on the stack toward a mechanical stop, said drag element coupled with the rotation of the sheet transport element and ~~is~~ arranged in such a manner that said drag element can assume an inoperative position within said path of rotation by the rotating sheet transport element and that said drag element, in order to perform its dragging function, can be moved at least partially out of said path of rotation by the rotating sheet transport element, whereby said drag element does not disrupt the transport and deposition of the sheet because said drag element is mostly in its inoperative position within the circle of rotation of said sheet transport element; and
 - a pivoting element, wherein said drag element is linked by said pivoting element to said sheet transport element in such a manner that said drag element can be pivoted, and during its rotation in the region of the stack, it folds out into its dragging position due to its weight and, in the course of the path of rotation, folds in again into its inoperative position.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) A device as in Claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein, in order to achieve the effect of weight, a weight element is connected with said drag element.

5. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claim 4, wherein said weight element is an arm.
6. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claims 5, wherein said drag element is arm-shaped and its free end points in a direction opposite the rotary motion.
7. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claim 6, wherein said arm-shaped weight element and said arm-shaped drag element are connected with each other substantially approximating a V-shape, and that, around their region of connection, a pivoting axis is provided for their joint pivoting motion.
8. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claims 7, wherein at least two coaxially rotatable cooperating sheet transport elements are provided, the first sheet transport element featuring a generated surface acting as a support for the sheet, thus predetermining a path of curvature for the sheet to be transported, and the second sheet transport element including at least one overlap element to overlap the received leading edge of the sheet in such a manner that the leading edge of the sheet can be grasped between said overlap element and said generated surface.
9. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claim 8, wherein said drag element is coupled with said second sheet transport element, and that said drag element, in its inoperative position, is positioned, viewed from the front side of said device, in such a manner that said drag element is congruent with said overlap element.
10. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claim 9, wherein said first sheet transport element has the shape of a disk.
11. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claim 10, wherein said second sheet transport element is a two-armed pivotable jib which has, in the region of its

two radially outward extending free ends, an overlap element, in which case a drag element is assigned to each overlap element.

12. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claim 11, wherein said overlap element is a tongue, which follows the path of curvature of said first sheet transport element in a parallel manner.
13. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claims 12, wherein, respectively, at least two first and at least two second coaxial sheet transport elements are provided, which are located relative to each other on a joint axis in a mirror-symmetrical manner, and said two second sheet transport elements are arranged between said two first sheet transport elements, so that a leading edge of a sheet can be grasped in its course parallel to the joint axis of the sheet transport elements by a total of at least four sheet transport elements together, and that a drag element is assigned to each of the overlap elements.
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claims 13, wherein at least one guide element that blocks one of the grasped sheets at least in centrifugal direction and is interposed between a pickup site and a release site of the sheet, in order to maintain the radius of curvature of the sheet by force.
17. (Previously Presented) A device as in Claims 16, wherein at least one shifting element coupled with at least one of said sheet transport elements for transversely shifting a sheet to be deposited parallel to the joint axis of said sheet transport elements.